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senses : MATTER. **b.** A material of a particular kind or constitution. **2.** The most central and material part : ESSENCE. **3.** Solid, substantial quality or character <a plan with substance> **4.** Physical density : BODY <Air has little substance.> **5.** Material possessions : WEALTH <a person of substance>

substance abuse *n.* Excessive use of addictive substances, esp. alcohol and narcotic drugs. —**substance abuser** *n.*

sub-stan-dard (süb'stän'därd) *adj.* **1.** Being below standard, as in quality. **2.** Considered unacceptable usage by the educated members of a speech community.

sub-stan-tial (süb'stän'shəl) *adj.* [ME *substancial* < LLat. *substantialis* < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** Of, relating to, or having substance : MATERIAL. **2.** Not imaginary : REAL. **3.** Solidly built : STRONG. **4.** Ample <a substantial dinner> **5.** Being of considerable importance, value, degree, amount, or extent <lost the election by a substantial margin> **6.** Possessing wealth or property : WELL-TO-DO. —*pl.n. substantials* Substantial things. —**sub-stan-ti-al-i-ty** (-shē-äl'tē), **sub-stan-ti-al-ness** *n.* —**sub-stan-ti-al-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-ti-ate (süb'stän'shē-ät') *vt. -at-ed, -at-ing, -ates* [Med. Lat. *substantiare*, *substantiare* < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** To support and verify with proof or evidence <substantiate previous testimony> **2a.** To give material form to : EMBODY. **b.** To make firm or solid. **3.** To give substance or reality to : make real or actual. —**sub-stan-ti-a-tion** (süb'stä'shən) *n.* —**sub-stan-ti-ate-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-ti-val (süb'stän-ti'vəl) *adj.* Of, relating to, or of the nature of a grammatical substantive. —**sub-stan-ti-val-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-tive (süb'stän-tiv) *adj.* [ME *substantif* < OFr. < LLat. *substantivus* < Lat. *substantia*, substance.] **1.** SUBSTANTIAL **5**. **2.** Independent in function or existence : not subordinate. **3.** Not imaginary : ACTUAL. **4.** Of or relating to the essence or substance : ESSENTIAL <substantive data> **5.** Having a solid basis : FIRM. **6.** Expressing or denoting existence; e.g., the verb *to be*. **7.** Denoting a noun or noun equivalent. —*n.* A word or group of words functioning as a noun. —**sub-stan-tive-ly** *adv.* —**sub-stan-tive-ness** *n.*

sub-sta-tion (süb'stä'shən) *n.* A subsidiary or branch station, as of a power plant.

sub-sti-tu-ent (süb'stich'ō-ənt) *n.* [Lat. *substituens*, *substituent*, *pr. part. of substituere*, to substitute.] An atom, radical, or group substituted for another in a compound. —**sub-sti-tu-ent-ly** *adv.*

sub-sti-tute (süb'stī-tōōt', -tyōōt') *n.* [**1.** < Lat. *substitutus*, *p. part. of substituere*, to substitute : *sub-*, in place of + *statuere*, to cause to stand.] **1.** One that takes the place of another : FILL-IN. **2.** A word or construction used in place of another word or construction. —*v. -tut-ed, -tut-ing, -tutes* —*vt.* **1.** To put or use in place of another. **2.** Chem. To replace (one or more elements or radicals in a compound) by other elements or radicals. —*vi.* To take the place of another <“Only art can substitute for nature” —Leonard Bernstein> —**sub-sti-tut'a-ble** *adj.* —**sub-sti-tu-tion** (-tōō'shən, -tyōō'ti-ən) *n.* —**sub-sti-tut'a-ble-ly** *adv.* —**sub-sti-tu-tion** (-tōō'shən, -tyōō'ti-ən) *n.*

♦ *synonyms*: SUBSTITUTE, ALTERNATE, FILL-IN, PINCH HITTER, REPLACEMENT, STAND-IN, SUB, SURROGATE *n. core meaning* : one that takes the place of another <hired a substitute for the sick teacher>

sub-sti-tu-tive (süb'stī-tōōv', -tyōōv') *adj.* Serving or capable of serving as a substitute.

sub-strate (süb'strāt') *n.* [**1.** < SUBSTRATUM.] **1.** The material or substance on which an enzyme acts. **2.** Biol. A surface on which a plant or animal grows or is attached. **3.** An underlying layer : SUBSTRATUM. **4.** Ling. An indigenous language that contributes features to the language of an invading people who impose their language on the indigenous population.

sub-stratum (süb'strā'təm, -strāt'əm) *n., pl. -stra-ta* (-strā'tā, -strāt'ā) or **-stratums** [Med. Lat. < Lat. *substratus*, *p. part. of substrere*, to lay under : *sub-*, under + *strere*, to spread out.] **1a.** An underlying layer. **b.** A layer of earth beneath the surface soil : SUBSOIL. **2.** The foundation : groundwork. **3.** The material upon which another material is coated or fabricated. **4.** *Philos.* The characterless substance that supports attributes of reality. **5.** *Biol.* SUBSTRATE **2**. **6.** *Ling.* SUBSTRATE **4**. —**sub-strat-ive** *adj.*

sub-struct-ion (süb'strūk'shən) *n.* [Lat. *structio* < *struere*, to build beneath : *sub-*, beneath + *struere*, to build.] A foundation : substructure. —**sub-struct-ion-al** *adj.*

sub-structure (süb'strūk'chər) *n.* **1.** A supporting structural part : FOUNDATION. **2.** The earth bank or bed supporting railroad tracks. —**sub-struct-ur-al** *adj.*

sub-sume (süb-sōōm') *vt. -sumed, -sum-ing, -sumes* [Med. Lat. *subsumere* : Lat. *sub-*, from below + Lat. *sumere*, to take up.] **1.** To include within a broader class, group, category, or order. **2.** To show (e.g., an idea) to be covered by a broad principle or rule. —**sub-sum'a-ble** *adj.*

sub-sump-tion (süb-sūmp'shən) *n.* [Med. Lat. *subsumptio*, a subsampling < *subsumere*, to subsume.] **1a.** An act or instance of subsampling. **b.** Something subsampled. **2.** *Logic.* The minor premise of a syllogism. —**sub-sump-tive** *adj.*

sub-tem-per-ate (süb-tēm'pär-īt, -tēm'pīrīt) *adj.* Of, relating to, or occurring within the colder regions of the Temperate Zones.

sub-ten-ant (süb-tēn'ənt) *n.* One that rents property, as land or a house, from a tenant. —**sub-ten'an-cy** *n.*

sub-tend (süb-tēnd') *vt. -tend-ed, -tend-ing, -tends* [Lat. *subtendere*, to extend underneath : *sub-*, beneath + *tendere*, to stretch.] To extend underneath : *sub-*, beneath + *tendere*, to stretch.] To be opposite to and delimit <The side of a triangle subtends the opposite angle.> **2.** To underlie so as to enclose or be subtended by leafy bracts

sub-ter-fuge (süb'tär-fyōōj') *n.* [Fr. < LLat. *subterfugere*, to escape : *subter*, secretly + *fugere*, to flee.] A deceptive stratagem or device. **2.** Deception by concealment, evasion, or escape.

sub-ter-ra-ne-an (süb'tā-rā'nē-ən) *adj.* [Lat. *sub* + *terra*, earth.] **1.** Situated or operating beneath the surface : UNDERGROUND. **2.** Hidden : secret <a subterranean life> —**sub-ter-ra-ne-an-ly** *adv.*

sub-ter-res-trial (süb'trēs-trē-əl) *adj.* SUBTERRANEAN

sub-text (süb'tēkst') *n.* **1.** The implicit meaning of a text. **2.** The underlying personality of a drama implied by a script or text and interpreted by an actor. —**sub-tex-tu-al** (-tēks'chōō-əl) *adj.*

sub-tile (süt'tīl, süb'təl) *adj. -tily, -tily-est* Subtle. —**sub-ti-ly** (süb'tī'lē) *n., pl. -ties* **1.** The quality or state of being subtle. **2.** Something subtle, esp. a fine distinction.

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sub-tonic (süb'tōnik) *n. Mus.* The seventh tone of a diatonic scale, immediately below the tonic.

sub-to-pi-a (süb-tō'pē-ə) *n.* [SUB(URB) + (U)TOPIA.] One of a city's suburbs. —**sub-to-pi-an** *adj.*

sub-top-ic (süb'tōp'ik) *n.* One of the divisions into which a subject may be divided.

sub-tor-rid (süb'tōr'id, -tōr'ē) *adj.* Subtropical.

sub-tot-al (süb'tōt'əl) *adj.* Less than total : INCOMPLETE (süb'tōt'əl) The total part of a series of numbers. —**-talled, -taling, -tals** also **-talled, -taling, -tals** —*vt.* To total (a series of numbers). —*vi.* To arrive at a subtotal.

sub-tract (süb'trākt') *v. -tract-ed, -tract-ing, -tracts* [Lat. *subtrahere* : *sub-*, away + *trahere*, to draw.] —*vt.* To take the difference. —*vi.* To perform the arithmetic operation of subtraction. —**sub-tract'er** *n.*

sub-trac-tion (süb'trāk'shən) *n.* **1.** The act or process of subtracting. **2.** The arithmetic operation of finding a quantity when added to one of two quantities produces the other. —**sub-trac-tive** (süb'trāk'tiv) *adj.* **1.** Producing or involving subtraction. **2.** Designating a color produced by light passing through or reflecting off a colorant, such as a filter or pigment, that absorbs certain wavelengths and transmits or reflects others. **b.** Of or being the primary colors cyan, magenta, or yellow. **3.** Designating a photographic process that produces a positive image by superimposing mixing substances that selectively absorb colored light.

sub-tra-hend (süb'trā-hēnd') *n.* [**1.** < Lat. *subtrahendum*, neuter plural of *subtrahere*, to subtract.] A quantity or number to be subtracted from another.

sub-trop-ic-al (süb'trōp'ik-əl) *adj.* Of, relating to, or being the geographic areas adjacent to the tropics.

sub-trop-ics (süb'trōp'iks) *pl.n.* Subtropical regions.

sub-type (süb'tīp') *n.* A group forming a type within a larger type.

sub-ula (sōō'byū-līt, -lāt', süb'yū-əl) *adj.* [NLat. *subulatus*, to taper to a point <subulate leaves>] *Biol.* Tapering to a point <subulate leaves>

sub-um-brel-la (süb'ūm-brē-lā) *n. Zool.* The concave undersurface of the body of a jellyfish.

sub-urb (süb'urb') *n.* [ME < OFr. *suburbe* < Lat. *suburbium* (suburbium) close to + *urbs*, city.] **1.** A usu. residential area or community surrounding a city. **2.** *Suburbs.* The usu. residential region around a large city. —**sub-urb-an** *adj.* —**sub-urb-an-ly** *adv.*

sub-urb-an (süb'būr'bən) *adj.* **1.** Of, relating to, or characteristic of a suburb. **2.** Located or living in a suburb. **3.** Of or relating to the lifestyle of those living in the suburbs. —*n.* A suburbanite.

sub-urb-an-ite (süb'būr'bā-nīt') *n.* One who lives in a suburb.

sub-urb-an-ize (süb'būr'bā-nīz') *v. -ized, -iz-ing, -izes* To impart a suburban character to. —**sub-urb-an-i-za-tion** *n.*

sub-ur-bi-a (süb'būr'bē-ə) *n.* **1.** Suburbs. **2a.** Suburbanites as a group. **2b.** Suburbanities as a cultural class.

sub-ven-er (süb'ven'ər) *n.* [ME *subvenior* < OFr. *subvenire* < Lat. *subvenire*, to come to help : *sub-*, under + *venire*, to come.] **1.** Provision of help or support. **2.** A grant or endowment, as that given by a government for research. —**sub-ven'tion-ar'y** *adj.*

sub-ver-sion (süb'ver'shən) *n.* [ME *subversio* < Lat. *subvertere*, to subvert.] **1.** The act or process of subverting. **2.** Obs. A cause or state of being subverted. —**sub-ver-sion-ar'y** *adj.*

sub-ver-sive (süb'ver'siv) *adj.* Intended or serving to subvert (political activity). —*n.* One who advocates or advocates subversive means or policies. —**sub-ver-sive-ness** *n.*

sub-ver-tice (süb'ver'tis) *n.* [ME *subvertice* < Lat. *subvertice* : *sub-*, from below + *vertice*, to turn completely : RUIN. **2.** To undermine the character or reputation of. **3.** To overthrow completely <“econ- omists subvert the existing . . . feudal or tribal order” —Kissinger>] —**sub-ver-tice** *n.*

sub-ver-tice (süb'ver'tis) *n.* **1a.** An underground urban railroad, especially in New York City. **b.** A passage for such a railroad. **2.** A passage, as for a water main.

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